

GANG LEADER SLAIN, BUT HE SAVES FAMILY

Shot Down While Fleeing to Draw Crossfire From Own Auto.

By United Press NEW YORK, June 20.—Killers of Charles (Vannie) Higgins, "lobster-man," mackerel fisherman and rum runner, shot down while driving a gangster crossfire away from his family, were unknown today.

The "roughneck" racketeer, who had beaten fourteen charges in his efforts to muscle into a position of prominence in New York gangland, died vowing to "get the dirty rats" who shot him and "tried to wipe out his family," but he didn't name them.

He died Sunday afternoon. He was shot early Sunday morning after fulfilling a promise to attend a dance recital with his 7-year-old daughter, Jean, a dancing school pupil.

The easy-going Higgins walked to the street with the girl's hand in his. His wife and mother-in-law were about ten feet distant. An automobile load of gangsters opened fire.

Flees to Save Family

Higgins shoved the little girl against his sixteen-cylindered roadster, ducked, and started zig-zagging down the street to draw attention from his family.

Another car load of executioners caught him in the crossfire.

Patrolman Walter Herzer, with Higgins in the navy, picked up the gangster, but he arrived too late to witness the shooting.

The career of the racketeer was rather unusual, although it ended in the usual manner.

Higgins was not a "spender," a Broadway night life character, although he figured in at least one cutting scrape a year or more ago.

Likes Epensive Neckties

His big weakness, friends said, was expensive neckties which he wore when he didn't appear in a Klan shirt open at the neck.

He always denied rum running activities.

Once he was caught on a tug with members of his crew and charged by the coast guards with directing operations of the million-dollar rum fleet off Atlantic City from that tug.

"I'm just a lobster fisherman, an admiral in the lobster fleet," Higgins told them.

Another time he announced that he was too drunk to know his companions, or to know where they had been.

With Many Racketeers

Once he was "just a carpenter," and another time "mackerel fisherman," but never was he a rum runner, or a killer, although eight homicide charges had been placed against him.

Higgins was an associate of Jack Eger's Diamond.

He had worked with Owney Madew, Broadway figure.

He had worked with Ben Sternberg, rum runner, who stepped into an automobile with Higgins one day at Long Beach, and never was seen again.

He was a rival of Augie Pisano's Brooklyn beer mob.

He had been involved with New Jersey beer runners.

He had "muscled in" on any and all wherever profits could be had.

Higgins' killers were sought today among those men he had worked and worked with.

SEEK 1933 CONVENTION

Indianapolis to Make Bid for International Lions Parley.

Indianapolis will make a bid for the 1933 International Lions convention.

The tax on gasoline is 1 cent, but the company explained it added a tenth of a cent to pay in part a tax on pipeline transportation of oil, expense of collection and to include credit losses of taxes paid in advance of collection.

Shell Petroleum Corporation announces its prices will be advanced only to the extent of the tax—1 cent a gallon on gasoline and 4 cents per gallon on oil. Mid-Western Petroleum Corporation will advance the price of gasoline 1.1 cent a gallon, but no decision has yet been reached on oil prices.

Eight thousand delegates would be attracted to the city by the convention.

CLUB TO HONOR BUTLER

Plans Dinner for Ornithologist at Noblesville Temple.

Dinner will be held Friday night by the Hamilton County Nature Club in honor of Dr. Amos W. Butler, Indianapolis ornithologist, at Noblesville Masonic temple.

He is the third person to be so honored by the club, Dr. W. S. Blatchley and Dr. Stanley Coulter having been honored previously.

Dr. Butler is founder of the Indiana Audubon Society, the Indiana Academy of Science, the American Forestry Association, the Society of Mammalogists, and is a pioneer social worker in Indiana.

PINCH GANG SUSPECT

Last of five men accused of stealing clothing valued at \$2,000 from a laundry and three cleaning shops, is in custody. He is Reuben Foxall, 744 North West street, returned Sunday from Dayton, O., where he was arrested last week.

Others held are L. D. Whittcock, 432 West Fifteenth street; Perry Jackson, 1332 Roosevelt avenue; his brother, Edward, 615 Odgen street, and Sam Perkins, 714 North West street.

The meeting has brought 1,000

GASOLINE, OIL PRICES RAISED

Standard Announces Boost to Cover New Tax.

Standard Oil Company (Indiana) was first to announce that higher prices for gasoline and oil will become effective Tuesday, the date when collection of new federal general taxes will be started.

Offices of the Standard company in Chicago announced today the price of gasoline will be raised 1.1 cents and oil 4 cents a gallon.

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FACTIONS FIGHT AS G. A. R. CONVENES

Dispute Flares Over Move to Shift Offices From Capitol.

By Times Special RICHMOND, Ind., June 20.—Registration and other preliminaries occupied the attention of delegates and visitors as the fifty-third annual encampment of the Indiana department, Grand Army of the Republic, opened here today for a session of four days, the climax of which will be reached Thursday when officers will be elected.

A factional fight has developed over a proposed movement to take G. A. R. headquarters from the statehouse in Indianapolis and to do away with the annual appropriation for the organization from state funds.

The society is composed of representatives of the G. A. R. Woman's Relief Corps, Sons of Veterans and Auxiliary, Ladies of the G. A. R. and Daughters of Union Veterans.

Executive board members are:

D. N. Foster, Ft. Wayne; Mrs. Pauley; Gladys Martin, Richmond; Miss Olive Williams, Ft. Wayne; and Benjamin Stahl, Terre Haute.

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Candidates for commander are:

James Bowden of Muncie, opposing removal of the headquarters, and Will Cooper and Frank Hay, both of Indianapolis.

The message was sent to the presidents of the Indiana Coal Operators' Association, Illinois Coal Operators' Association and Districts 11 and 12, U. M. W. A.

Representatives of the coal mining industry of Indiana and Illinois will meet in Indianapolis Wednesday to determine whether a joint conference of mine operators and workers shall be assembled to negotiate a wage agreement for both states, according to a call issued today by John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America.

The Lewis message to representa-

tives of the operators and workers invited two delegates from each group.

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Two persons to upper berth (each)..... \$11.00

Lv. Indianapolis (Saturday, July 2)..... 5:00 p. m.

Ar. Niagara Falls (Sunday, July 3)..... 8:00 a. m.

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Lv. Niagara Falls (Monday, July 4)..... 8:20 p. m.

Ar. Indianapolis (Tuesday, July 5)..... 8:00 a. m.

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BIG FOUR ROUTE

PET MONKEY MEANS TROUBLE IN YOUR HOME

Bears Also Lose Sweet Temper, Grow Grouchy, After Passing Cub Stage



Monkeys in maturity are always dangerous pets, says Dr. Dittmars.

have around in the friskiness of youth.

But maturity turns amiability into jealousy. He tells owners that a grownup monkey may regard even a friend's greeting as reason for a sudden, purposeful attack.

As tactfully as he can he lays down the ultimatum that they are not safe pets.

"Maturity makes pet bear rather poor companions, too. One man wrote me his bear was getting him into a fix. It had been fine, playful cub. But as it grew older, it began to disturb the neighbors. It bawled all night.

"I found it used to sleep in the house, but when it outgrew the living room they put it out in the backyard.

"It couldn't get along without the domestic atmosphere and cuddling. I had to tell them they'd either have to let it bawl or take a chance with it again inside with them."

"He sympathizes. For he has always had from one to 100 pets of his own—just now the favorite is a king snake he keeps in his library—and for years, up and down the world, his daughter Gladys and Red, a howling monkey, were inseparable companions.

The frankly curious, of course, are responsible for the park's majority of questions.

"Please tell us how the elephant sleeps."

"Standing up. In twenty-two years neither the night watchman nor I have ever seen him lie down."

"Is the sloth always that way?"

"Yes, he spends his whole life hanging upside down."

"Does the ant eater really eat ants?"

"Every once in a while about a quarter of a million."

"The something for the park. Really, I never saw anything like it."

The offer was declined.

before. A snake with a gold necklace."

"Thanks, just the same. But it's pale gray, opalescent, isn't it? It's a ring snake. The necklace is a kind of orange-colored ring. There are a good many in these parts coming out in the spring."

CROSSWORD puzzlers have been particularly frequent clients by mail and telephone this spring.

The curators think they have been in a contest, so many have queried about a single word.

"They wanted to know the name for a sheep's horn."

He had to confess that stumped him, and all he could do was suggest they call the sheep in Central park.

Another wanted the five-letter name of an animal that is a reptile and spelled something like skunk."

She had passed up "skunk," she said, because she understood skunks were not reptilian.

"You're thinking of a notched-tongued lizard," Dr. Dittmars advised. "It's one of the Scincus officinalis and it's called a skink."

Blue-eyed John Cromartie, 27, four feet eleven inches, was not dealt with so easily. He wanted to enter the zoo as a specimen, and his proposal, made back in 1924, still echoes occasionally in cloisters where the talk turns to anthropologics.

The collection of animals was not complete, lacking an example of Homo sapiens, he pointed out, and he offered to stop the gap.

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